

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A one-dish frozen dinner ~~kit product~~ comprising:

A) a dinner product comprising:

(1) a baking apparatus having a bottom, an open top, slanted sidewalls, and an outer rim at the open top;

(2) a detachable baking shield adapted to attach to the outer rim of the baking apparatus;

(3) a frozen self-rising bread crust contained in the baking apparatus, wherein the bread crust has a bottom and slanted sidewalls conforming to the baking apparatus and forming a cavity within the bread crust;

(4) a frozen filling contained within the cavity of the frozen self-rising bread crust; and

(5) an integral frozen self-rising bread ring resting on top of the filling and in contact with the outer rim of the bread crust; and

B) a shipping carton for containing the dinner product;

wherein the dinner product can be stored frozen in the shipping carton until ready to be cooked; wherein the baking shield can be attached to the baking apparatus in order to protect the bread ring from overcooking when the frozen dinner is cooked; and wherein, after cooking, portions of the bread ring can be removed and consumed as a bread product with the dinner product.

2. (Currently Amended) The dinner product of claim 1, wherein the filling contains one or more components selected from the group consisting of pasta, meat, cheese, and vegetables ~~in a sauce~~ and wherein a ~~the~~ sauce covers the one or more components.

3. (Currently Amended) The dinner product of claim 1, wherein surfaces of the bread crust which contact the filling have been coated with oil to prevent the filling ~~sauce~~ from soaking into the bread crust.

4. (Original) The dinner product of claim 2, wherein surfaces of the bread crust which contact the filling have been coated with oil to prevent the sauce from soaking into the bread crust.

5. (Currently Amended) The dinner product of claim 4, wherein the baking shield includes an upstanding sidewall to engage the outer rim so as to be upstanding therefrom when in an installed position; wherein the baking shield further includes an upper wall inwardly extending from upstanding sidewall so as to form a central opening when in the installed position; and wherein the baking shield is stored at the bottom of the baking apparatus.

6. (Original) The dinner product of claim 5, wherein the baking shield and the baking apparatus are made of metal foil.

7. (Currently Amended) The dinner product of claim 1, wherein the frozen self-rising bread crust is prepared from a bread crust dough comprising, in Baker's percentages, about 100 ~~lbs~~ percent flour, about 2 to about 12 percent sugar, about 0 to about 2 percent dough emulsifier, about 1 to about 7 percent leavening agent, about 1 to about 10 percent wheat gluten, about 2 to about 20 percent edible oil or solid fat, about 20 to about 400 ppm dough oxidant, about 1 to about 5 percent spices/flavorants, and about 40 to about to about 80 percent water and wherein the frozen self-rising bread ring is prepared from a bread ring dough comprising, in Baker's percentages, about 100 ~~lbs~~ percent flour, about 2 to about 12 percent sugar, about 0 to about 2 percent dough emulsifier, about 1 to about 7 percent leavening agent, about 1 to about 10 percent wheat gluten, about 2 to about 20 percent edible oil or solid fat, about 20 to about 400 ppm dough oxidant, about 1 to about 5 percent spices/flavorants, and about 40 to about to about 80 percent water.

8. (Currently Amended) The dinner product of claim 7, wherein the bread crust dough comprises, in Baker's percentage, about 100 ~~lbs~~ percent flour, about 6 to about 10 percent sugar, about 0.25 to about 0.75 percent dough emulsifier, about 2 to about 6 percent leavening agent, about 4 to about 8 percent wheat gluten,

about 6 to about 10 percent edible oil or solid fat, about 100 to about 200 ppm dough oxidant, about 1 to about 5 percent spices/flavorants, and about 50 to about 70 percent water; and wherein the bread ring dough comprises, in Baker's percentage, about 100-~~100~~ percent flour, about 6 to about 10 percent sugar, about 0.25 to about 0.75 percent dough emulsifier, about 2 to about 6 percent leavening agent, about 4 to about 8 percent wheat gluten, about 6 to about 10 percent edible oil or solid fat, about 100 to about 200 ppm dough oxidant, about 1 to about 5 percent spices/flavorants, and about 50 to about to about 70 percent water.

9. (Currently Amended) A one-dish frozen dinner kit product comprising:

A) a dinner product comprising:

(1) a frustoconical baking apparatus having a bottom, an open top, slanted sidewalls, and an outer rim at the open top;

(2) a baking shield including an upstanding sidewall to engage the outer rim of the baking apparatus so as to be upstanding therefrom when in an installed position and an upper wall inwardly extending from the upstanding sidewall so as to form a central opening when in the installed position;

(3) a frozen self-rising bread crust contained in the baking apparatus, wherein the bread crust has a bottom and slanted sidewalls conforming to the baking apparatus and forming a cavity within the bread crust;

(4) a frozen filling contained within the cavity of the frozen self-rising bread crust; and

(5) an integral frozen self-rising bread ring resting on top of the filling and in contact with the outer rim of the bread crust, wherein the bread ring is effectively covered by the baking shield in the installed position; and

B) a shipping carton for containing the dinner product;

wherein the dinner product can be stored frozen in the shipping carton until ready to be cooked; and wherein, after cooking, portions of the bread ring can be removed and consumed as a bread product with the dinner product.

10. (Currently Amended) The dinner product of claim 9, wherein the filling contains one or more components selected from the group consisting of pasta,

meat, cheese, and vegetables ~~in a sauce~~ and wherein a ~~the~~ sauce covers the one or more components.

11. (Currently Amended) The dinner product of claim 9, wherein surfaces of the bread crust which contact the filling have been coated with oil to prevent the filling from soaking into the bread crust.

12. (Original) The dinner product of claim 10, wherein surfaces of the bread crust which contact the filling have been coated with oil to prevent the sauce from soaking into the bread crust.

13. (Currently Amended) The dinner product of claim 12, wherein the baking shield is stored at the bottom of the baking apparatus.

14. (Original) The dinner product of claim 13, wherein the baking shield and the baking apparatus are made of metal foil.

15. (Currently Amended) The dinner product of claim 9, wherein the frozen self-rising bread crust is prepared from a bread crust dough comprising, in Baker's percentages, about 100 ~~lbs~~ percent flour, about 2 to about 12 percent sugar, about 0 to about 2 percent dough emulsifier, about 1 to about 7 percent leavening agent, about 1 to about 10 percent wheat gluten, about 2 to about 20 percent edible oil or solid fat, about 20 to about 400 ppm dough oxidant, about 1 to about 5 percent spices/flavorants, and about 40 to about to about 80 percent water and wherein the frozen self-rising bread ring is prepared from a bread ring dough comprising, in Baker's percentages, about 100 ~~lbs~~ percent flour, about 2 to about 12 percent sugar, about 0 to about 2 percent dough emulsifier, about 1 to about 7 percent leavening agent, about 1 to about 10 percent wheat gluten, about 2 to about 20 percent edible oil or solid fat, about 20 to about 400 ppm dough oxidant, about 1 to about 5 percent spices/flavorants, and about 40 to about to about 80 percent water.

16. (Currently Amended) The dinner product of claim 15, wherein the bread crust dough comprises, in Baker's percentage, about 100 ~~lbs~~ percent flour, about 6 to about 10 percent sugar, about 0.25 to about 0.75 percent dough emulsifier, about 2 to about 6 percent leavening agent, about 4 to about 8 percent wheat gluten, about 6 to about 10 percent edible oil or solid fat, about 100 to about 200 ppm dough oxidant, about 1 to about 5 percent spices/flavorants, and about 50 to about to about 70 percent water; and wherein the bread ring dough comprises, in Baker's percentage, about 100 ~~lbs~~ percent flour, about 6 to about 10 percent sugar, about 0.25 to about 0.75 percent dough emulsifier, about 2 to about 6 percent leavening agent, about 4 to about 8 percent wheat gluten, about 6 to about 10 percent edible oil or solid fat, about 100 to about 200 ppm dough oxidant, about 1 to about 5 percent spices/flavorants, and about 50 to about to about 70 percent water.

Claims 17-27 (Canceled).